



Cholla District Network News



Councilmember Manny Martinez, City of Glendale

June 29, 2012



Independence Day Holiday Notice

City of Glendale offices, landfill and libraries will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. [Click here](#) for more details.

homes. However, as part of the process, the developer was required to clean up the site prior to construction, as it had once been used many years ago for illegal dumping. You may recall seeing a large pile of dirt grow as the developer attempted to remove debris from the site. Unfortunately, during the process, the recession hit and the funding for the project was no longer available. The developer abandoned the project, it went into foreclosure, and it has remained in its current condition since that time.

Good news! The property has recently been sold to a Valley home builder, and once they are finished with the planning and development process of obtaining a final plat, they have indicated their first order of business will be to get the site cleaned up and the backfilling completed. This is outstanding news for the neighbors – who will finally see the piles of dirt demolished and eventually new homes built.

Separate Your Sanitation Containers by Three Feet for Better Service. Because Glendale offers both trash and recycling service on the same day, most residents are putting two containers out at the curb, but perhaps not properly. Did you know that your trash and recycling container must be three feet apart? If they aren't, it impedes the drivers' ability to pick up each container; this can result in damage to containers, and even the need for a driver to get out of the truck to set the container properly. Containers should also be placed away from other obstacles, such as mail boxes, decorative borders and cable boxes. Being mindful of separating the containers by at least three feet helps city staff provide better customer service in a more efficient manner.

Boards and Commissions. Congratulations and many thanks to the following Cholla District Residents who were recently appointed to serve on Glendale's Boards and Commissions:

- James Grose - Ad-Hoc Water & Sewer Task Force
- Pattie Johnston - Ad-Hoc Water & Sewer Task Force
- John Ferguson – Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission
- Michael Mitchum – Industrial Development Authority
- Holly Fallucca – Library Advisory Board
- Allison Tedford (Teen) – Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
- Daniel Leimeter – Ad-Hoc Water & Sewer Task Force
- Bob Richards – Ad-Hoc Water & Sewer Task Force
- Cathy Cheshier as Vice Chair – Board of Adjustment
- Melissa Neighbors – Citizens Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods
- David Coble as Chair – Citizens Bicycle Advisory Committee

Citizen involvement and input is essential to the success of local government. The city encourages you to consider submitting an application for appointment to one of Glendale's 17 boards and commissions. [Click here](#) for more information or to apply online.

Good News about the Property at 54th Avenue and Topeka. Some may be familiar with a development that had been underway just east of the Foothills Branch Library. The property at 54th Avenue and Topeka had been planned for construction of 39

Other things to remember when placing out your trash and recycling:

- Bag and tie all trash
- Recycling should be loose - not bagged
- Don't overfill your containers
- Bring containers out to the curb the night before or by 6 a.m. on collection day; put away your container by 6 a.m. the day following pick up
- Place containers out in front of your home, not the neighbors
- Proper placement at the curb allows pedestrians to walk on the sidewalk behind your container(s) with containers facing forward
- If your container is damaged, call the Sanitation Office for a replacement

For additional information, call the Sanitation Division at 623-930-2660 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation.

Social Service Agencies Receive Grant Funds Through Glendale's "From The Heart" Program. Eighteen non-profit agencies that provide essential services to the city's most vulnerable children, families and elderly residents received \$172,900 in grants from Glendale's From The Heart program.

The grants will be used to serve the community in many ways, from providing home-delivered meals and home medical equipment to senior citizens to providing emergency programs for victims of domestic violence.

The money distributed to the social service agencies last week was raised through Glendale's From The Heart program, which enables residents and businesses to add \$1 to their city utility bills each month or make one-time donations.

Agencies receiving grant funds this year included the Alzheimer's Association - Desert Southwest Chapter – \$10,000, Back To School Clothing Drive Association – \$10,000, Boys & Girls Club of Metropolitan Phoenix – \$10,000, Central Arizona Shelter Services – \$12,500, Community Legal Services – \$10,000, Duet-Partners in Health & Aging – \$5,000 and First United Methodist Church of Glendale – \$10,000.

Other agencies receiving funds were Gabriel's Angels – \$5,000, Jewish Family and Children's Services – \$5,000, A New Leaf – \$6,000, New Life Center – \$10,000, One Step Beyond – \$5,500, St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance – \$12,500, Society of St. Vincent de Paul – \$15,000, Salvation Army Glendale Corps – \$6,000, Sojourner Center – \$8,900, Solecito Services – \$15,000 and YWCA of Maricopa County – \$16,500.

Money collected from the program is distributed annually to local social service agencies through a grant application and selection process. The main criteria to receive funding is that the agencies must provide services to Glendale residents that promote the positive development of youth, strengthen families and assist citizens of all ages in addressing urgent needs.

Since From The Heart began in 1997, more than \$2.4 million has been collected and distributed to non-profit agencies serving Glendale residents. For more information on Glendale's From The Heart program, [click here](#).

Around Town

Summer Film Viewing and Discussion Series. "Exceptional, Inspirational, and Determined: Favorite Biographical Films of the Famous" is the theme of this year's summer film viewing and discussion series Saturdays at 1 p.m., at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Film scholar, Jeannie Berg returns for a seventh year with the popular, free "Reel Talk Film Series."

On June 30 "A Beautiful Mind" starring Russell Crowe, Ed Harris, Jennifer Connelly and Paul Bettany and directed by Ron Howard will be shown. This film, based on the true story of John Forbes Nash, Jr., shows his rise and fall through a harrowing time of schizophrenia. Nash made an astonishing discovery early in his career, but before he could take on the trappings of international fame he found himself on a painful journey of self-discovery.

Backyard Stargazing for Everyone. Join us from 7-9 p.m. on Monday July 2 at the Glendale Main Library for Backyard Stargazing. This program is free and fun for the entire family! After dark, telescopes will be in place in front of the library for viewing the night sky. The Main Library is located at 5959 W. Brown St. For more information, call (623) 979-1393.

Game Night at The Rec. Join us for fun games and tournaments in the Activity Room, including ping pong and billiards on "Game Night" every Fridays beginning July 6. "Game Night" begins at 6:30 p.m. at Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. No registration is required. For more information, call 623-930-4610.

Contact Councilmember Martinez
Council Office: (623) 930-2249
Home Office: (623) 561-8263
E-mail: mmartinez@glendaleaz.com